MEDICAL CARE POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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The Medical Care Policy Administration originated as the Policy Administration, created in 1975. In 1987, the Policy Administration was renamed the Health Systems Financing Administration. The Administration received its present name in March 1990.

The Administration develops and reviews policies and regulations that establish eligibility criteria, define services, detail coverage, specify limitations, and determine reimbursement rates for the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). In addition, it updates the State Plan for the Medical Assistance Program and secures federal approval for program changes to assure the continued availability of federal matching funds.

The Administration is aided by the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee and works through nine divisions: Long-Term Care; Acute Care; Primary Care; Maternal and Child Health; Community Support Services; Administrative Services; Eligibility Services; Aging Services; and Program Services.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Jacqueline Fassett, L.C.S.W., Chairperson, 1992

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The Medical Assistance Advisory Committee was created for the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in accordance with the federal Social Security Act (sec. 1902A(22)). The Committee advises and consults with the Deputy Secretary for Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulation.

Composed of health care providers and consumers, the Committee is appointed for three-year terms by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Members serve on one of several subcommittees, which review pending legislation, Five-Year Plan objectives, or special programs.

DIVISION OF LONG-TERM CARE Mark A. Leeds, *Chief* (410) 225-1442

The Division of Long-Term Care was organized in July 1979. The Division administers Maryland Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for nursing home services, medical day care, and personal care.

DIVISION OF ACUTE CARE
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Established in July 1979, the Division of Acute Care plans prepares and amends regulations, and interprets policy for the following parts of the Medical Assistance Program: Hospitals, Medical Laboratories, Residential Treatment Centers, Pharmacy, and Free-standing Dialysis Centers.

DIVISION OF PRIMARY CARE Donald Engvall, *Chief* (410) 225-1482

The Division of Primary Care was formed in July 1987. The Division establishes and articulates the State Medicaid policies and regulations pertaining to medical and professional services. Addressing the primary medical care needs of individuals, these services are provided directly to recipients on an ambulatory basis by physicians, dentists, podiatrists, vision care providers, free-standing clinics, nurse-midwives, nurse anesthestists, nurse practitioners, and health maintenance organizations.

DIVISION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH Susan J. Tucker, *Chief* (410) 225-6538

The Division of Maternal and Child Health was created in July 1987. The Division oversees and coordinates the Pregnant Women and Children Program; the Healthy Kids, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program; the Healthy Start Program; and the Kids Count Program.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

James Glover, *Chief* (410) 225-1474

The Division of Community Support Services began in July 1987. The Division administers the following parts of the Medical Assistance Program: Ambulance and Wheelchair Van; Disposable Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment; General Transportation Grants; Hearing Aid; Home Health; Home Care for Disabled Children under a Model Waiver; Oxygen and Related Respiratory Services; and Physical Therapy.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Elizabeth Groninger, *Chief* (410) 225-1433

Formed in March 1990, the Division of Administrative Services is responsible for personnel transactions, budget preparation, promulgation of Medicaid regulations, and formulation of Medicaid State Plan